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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** Sunday, November 11, 2007  
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### **Stolen vehicle crashes into bank**

Riverside, CA – On Sunday, November 11, 2007, at approximately 3:52 a.m., Riverside police officers were dispatched to the 3700-block of Tyler Street regarding a vehicle that crashed into the Wells Fargo Bank. The caller said a white Ford Explorer drove through the front doors of the building and the driver was in the vehicle unconscious.

Upon arrival, officers found an abandoned white 2003 Ford Explorer inside of the Wells Fargo Bank. The crash caused extensive damage to the exterior and interior of the building. Officers obtained information from witnesses that the vehicle was driving through the parking lot at the Galleria at Tyler, and for unknown reasons, the driver accelerated, and jumped a curb south of the business. The vehicle continued at a high rate of speed then crashed through the front glass doors of the bank traveling through the inside before coming to rest.

During the investigation officers learned the vehicle was an unreported stolen vehicle that had been taken hours earlier from an apartment complex in the 10600-block of Diana Ave.

Personnel from Wells Fargo bank responded to the scene and took control of the building. Personnel from the City of Riverside Building Services Department responded to the scene to verify the structural integrity of the building.

The driver of the vehicle has not been located and is being sought for vehicle theft and leaving the scene of an accident. The driver was described as a white or Hispanic male, with a small build, and approximately 16 to 20 years of age. He was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and is likely to be suffering from injuries to his head and/or face.

Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is asked to call the Riverside Police Department at (951) 353-7941.

